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(57) Abstract

An enzymatically active DNA polymerase having between 540 and 582 amino acids having a tyrosine at a position equivalent to position 667 of Taq DNA polymerase, wherein said polymerase lacks 5' to 3' exonuclease activity, and wherein said polymerase has at least 95 % homology in its amino acid sequence to the DNA polymerase of \$(i)(Thermus aquaticus), \$(i)(Thermus flavus) or \$(i)(Thermus thermophilus), and wherein said polymerase forms a single polypeptide band on an SDS PAGE.

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DESCRIPTION

Thermostable DNA polymerases

Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to novel thermostable DNA polymerases, the genes and vectors encoding them and their use in DNA sequencing.

US Patents 4,889,818 and 5,079,352 describe the isolation and expression of a DNA polymerase known as Taq DNA Polymerase (hereinafter referred to as Taq). It is reported that amino-terminal deletions wherein approximately one-third of the coding sequence is absent have resulted in producing a gene product that is quite active in polymerase assays. Taq is described as being of use in PCR (polymerase chain reaction).

US Patent No. 5,075,216 describes the use of Taq in DNA sequencing.

- International patent application WO 92/06/06188 describes a DNA polymerase having an identical amino acid sequence to Taq except that it lacks the N-terminal 235 amino acids of Taq and its use in sequencing. This DNA polymerase is known as Δ Taq.
- 20 US Patent 4,795,699 describes the use of T7 type
 DNA polymerases (T7) in DNA sequencing. These are of
 great use in DNA sequencing in that they incorporate
 dideoxy nucleoside triphosphates (NTPs) with an
 efficiency comparable to the incorporation of deoxy
 NTPs; other polymerases incorporate dideoxy NTPs far
 less efficiently which requires comparatively large

quantities of these to be present in sequencing reactions.

At the DOE Contractor-Grantee Workshop (Nov. 13-17, 1994, Santa Fe) and the I. Robert Lehman Symposium (Nov 11-14, 1994, Sonoma), Prof. S. Tabor identified a site in DNA polymerases that can be modified to incorporate dideoxy NTPs more efficiently. He reported that the presence or absence of a single hydroxy group (tyrosine vs. phenylalanine) at a highly conserved position on E. coli, DNA Polymerase I, T7, and Taq makes more than a 1000-fold difference in their ability to discriminate against dideoxy NTPs. (See also European Patent Application 94203433.1 published May 31, 1995, Publication No. 0 655 506 A1 and hereby incorporated by reference herein.)

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides a DNA polymerase having an amino acid sequence differentiated from Taq in that it lacks the N-terminal 272 amino acids and has the phenylalanine at position 667 (of native Taq) replaced by tyrosine. Preferably, the DNA polymerase has methionine at position 1 (equivalent to position 272 of Taq) (hereinafter referred to as FY2) The full DNA sequence is given as Fig 1 (SEQ. ID. NO. 1). Included within the scope of the present invention are DNA polymerases having substantially identical amino acid sequences to the above which retain thermostability and efficient incorporation of dideoxy NTPs.

By a substantially identical amino acid sequence is meant a sequence which contains 540 to 582 amino acids that may have conservative amino acid changes compared with Taq which do not significantly influence

- thermostability or nucleotide incorporation, i.e. other than the phenylalanine to tyrosine conversion. Such changes include substitution of like charged amino acids for one another, or amino acids with small side chains for other small side chains, e.g., ala for val. More drastic changes may be introduced at noncritical regions
 - where little or no effect on polymerase activity is observed by such a change.

The invention also features DNA polymerases that lack between 251 and 293 (preferably 271 or 272) of the N-terminal amino acids of Thermus flavus (Tfl) and have the phenylalanine at position 666 (of native Tfl) replaced by tyrosine; and those that lack between 253 and 295 (preferably 274) of the N-terminal amino acids of Thermus thermophilus (Tth) and have the phenylalanine at position 669 (of native Tth) replaced by tyrosine.

By efficient incorporation of dideoxy NTPs is meant the ability of a polymerase to show little, if any, discrimination in the incorporation of ddNTPs when compared with dNTPs. Suitably efficient discrimination is less than 1:10 and preferably less than 1:5. Such discrimination can be measured by procedures known in the art.

One preferred substantially identical amino acid sequence to that given above is that which contains 562 amino acids having methionine at position 1 and alanine

at position 2 (corresponding to positions 271 and 272 of native Taq) (hereinafter referred to as FY3). A full DNA sequence is given as Fig. 2. This is a preferred DNA polymerase for expression by a gene of the present invention.

The purified DNA polymerases FY2 and FY3 both give a single polypeptide band on SDS polyacrylamide gels, unlike Δ Taq, having either a phenylalanine or tyrosine at position 667 which forms several polypeptide bands of similar size on SDS polyacrylamide gels.

A second preferred substantially identical amino acid sequence is that which lacks 274 of the N-terminal amino acids of Thermus thermophilus having methionine at position 1, and the phenylalanine to tyrosine mutation at position 396 (corresponding to position 669 of native Tth) (hereinafter referred to as FY4). A full DNA sequence is given as Fig. 5 (SEQ. ID. NO. 14).

The present invention also provides a gene encoding a DNA polymerase of the present invention. In order to assist in the expression of the DNA polymerase activity, the modified gene preferably codes for a methionine residue at position 1 of the new DNA polymerase. In addition, in one preferred embodiment of the invention, the modified gene also codes for an alanine at position 25 (corresponding to position 272 of native Taq).

In a further aspect, the present invention provides a vector containing the gene encoding the DNA polymerase activity of the present invention, e.g., encoding an amino acid sequence differentiated from native Taq in that it lacks the N-terminal 272 amino acids and has

phenylalanine at position 396 (equivalent to position 667 of Taq) replaced by tyrosine or a substantially identical amino acid sequence thereto.

In a yet further aspect, the present invention

5 provides a host cell comprising a vector containing the gene encoding the DNA polymerase activity of the present invention, e.g., encoding an amino acid sequence differentiated from native Taq in that it lacks the N-terminal 272 amino acids and has phenylalanine at

10 position 396 (equivalent to position 667 of native Taq) replaced by tyrosine or a substantially identical amino acid sequence thereto.

The DNA polymerases of the present invention are preferably in a purified form. By purified form is meant that the DNA polymerase is isolated from a majority of host cell proteins normally associated with it; preferably the polymerase is at least 10% (w/w) of the protein of a preparation, even more preferably it is provided as a homogeneous preparation, e.g., a homogeneous solution. Preferably the DNA polymerase is a single polypeptide on an SDS polyacrylamide gel.

The DNA polymerases of the present invention are suitably used in sequencing, preferably in combination with a pyrophosphatase. Accordingly, the present invention provides a composition which comprises a DNA polymerase of the present invention in combination with a pyrophosphatase, preferably a thermostable pyrophosphatase such as Thermoplasma acidophilum pyrophosphatase. (Schafer, G. and Richter, O.H. (1992)

30 Eur. J. Biochem. 209, 351-355).

The DNA polymerases of the present invention can be constructed using standard techniques. By way of example, mutagenic PCR primers can be designed to incorporate the desired Phe to Tyr amino acid change (FY 5 mutation) in one primer. In our hands these primers also carried restriction sites that are found internally in the sequence of the Taq polymerase gene clone of Delta Taq, pWB253, which was used by us as template DNA. However, the same PCR product can be generated with this 10 primer pair from any clone of Taq or with genomic DNA isolated directly from Thermus aquaticus. The PCR product encoding only part of the gene is then digested with the appropriate restriction enzymes and used as a replacement sequence for the clone of Delta Taq digested 15 with the same restriction enzymes. In our hands the resulting plasmid was designated pWB253Y. The presence of the mutation can be verified by DNA sequencing of the amplified region of the gene.

Further primers can be prepared that encode for a 20 methionine residue at the N-terminus that is not found at the corresponding position of Taq, the sequence continuing with amino acid residue 273. These primers can be used with a suitable plasmid, e.g., pWB253Y DNA, as a template for amplification and the amplified gene inserted into a vector, e.g., pRE2, to create a gene, e.g., pRE273Y, encoding the polymerase (FY2). The entire gene can be verified by DNA sequencing.

Improved expression of the DNA polymerases of the present invention in the pRE2 expression vector was

30 obtained by creating further genes, pREFY2pref (encoding

a protein identical to FY2) and pREFY3 encoding FY3. A mutagenic PCR primer was used to introduce silent codon changes (i.e., the amino acid encoded is not changed) at the amino terminus of the protein which did not affect the sequence of the polypeptide. These changes led to increased production of FY2 polymerase. FY3 was designed to promote increased translation efficiency in vivo. In addition to the silent codon changes introduced in pREFY2pref, a GCT codon was added in the second position (SEQ. ID. NO. 2), as occurs frequently in strongly expressed genes in E. coli. This adds an amino acid to the sequence of FY2, and hence the protein was given its own designation FY3. Both constructs

Silent codon changes such as the following increase protein production in *E. coli*: substitution of the codon GAG for GAA; substitution of the codon AGG, AGA, CGG or CGA for CGT or CGC;

produce more enzyme than pRE273Y.

20 substitution of the codon CTT, CTC, CTA, TTG or TTA for CTG; substitution of the codon ATA for ATT or ATC; substitution of the codon GGG or GGA for GGT or GGC.

The present invention also provides a method for determining the nucleotide base sequence of a DNA

25 molecule. The method includes providing a DNA molecule annealed with a primer molecule able to hybridize to the DNA molecule; and incubating the annealed molecules in a vessel containing at least one deoxynucleotide triphosphate, and a DNA polymerase of the present

30 invention. Also provided is at least one DNA synthesis

terminating agent which terminates DNA synthesis at a specific nucleotide base. The method further includes separating the DNA products of the incubating reaction according to size, whereby at least a part of the nucleotide base sequence of the DNA molecule can be determined.

In preferred embodiments, the sequencing is performed at a temperature above 50°C, 60°C, or 70°C.

In other preferred embodiments, the DNA polymerase

10 has less than 1000, 250, 100, 50, 10 or even 2 units of
exonuclease activity per mg of polymerase (measured by
standard procedure, see below) and is able to utilize
primers having only 4, 6 or 10 bases; and the
concentration of all four deoxynucleoside triphosphates

15 at the start of the incubating step is sufficient to
allow DNA synthesis to continue until terminated by the
agent, e.g., a ddNTP.

For cycle sequencing, the DNA polymerases of the present invention make it possible to use significantly lower amounts of dideoxynucleotides compared to naturally occurring enzymes. That is, the method involves providing an excess amount of deoxynucleotides to all four dideoxynucleotides in a cycle sequencing reaction, and performing the cycle sequencing reaction.

25 Preferably, more than 2, 5, 10 or even 100 fold excess of a dNTP is provided to the corresponding ddNTP.

In a related aspect, the invention features a kit or solution for DNA sequencing including a DNA polymerase of the present invention and a reagent

necessary for the sequencing such as dITP, deaza GTP, a

chain terminating agent such as a ddNTP, and a manganese-containing solution or powder and optionally a pyrophosphatase.

In another aspect, the invention features a method for providing a DNA polymerase of the present invention by providing a nucleic acid sequence encoding the modified DNA polymerase, expressing the nucleic acid within a host cell, and purifying the DNA polymerase from the host cell.

10 In another related aspect, the invention features a method for sequencing a strand of DNA essentially as described above with one or more (preferably 2, 3 or 4) deoxyribonucleoside triphosphates, a DNA polymerase of the present invention, and a first chain terminating 15 agent. The DNA polymerase causes the primer to be elongated to form a first series of first DNA products differing in the length of the elongated primer, each first DNA product having a chain terminating agent at its elongated end, and the number of molecules of each 20 first DNA products being approximately the same for substantially all DNA products differing in length by no more than 20 bases. The method also features providing a second chain terminating agent in the hybridized mixture at a concentration different from the first 25 chain terminating agent, wherein the DNA polymerase causes production of a second series of second DNA products differing in the length of the elongated primer, with each second DNA product having the second chain terminating agent at its elongated end. The 30 number of molecules of each second DNA product is

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approximately the same for substantially all second DNA products differing in length from each other by from 1 to 20 bases, and is distinctly different from the number of molecules of all the first DNA products having a length differing by no more than 20 bases from that of said second DNA products.

In preferred embodiments, three or four such chain terminating agents can be used to make different products and the sequence reaction is provided with a magnesium ion, or even a manganese or iron ion (e.g., at a concentration between 0.05 and 100 mM, preferably between 1 and 10 mM); and the DNA products are separated according to molecular weight in four or less lanes of a gel.

In another related aspect, the invention features a 15 method for sequencing a nucleic acid by combining an oligonucleotide primer, a nucleic acid to be sequenced, between one and four deoxyribonucleoside triphosphates. a DNA polymerase of the present invention, and at least 20 two chain terminating agents in different amounts, under conditions favoring extension of the oligonucleotide primer to form nucleic acid fragments complementary to the nucleic acid to be sequenced. For example, the chain terminating agent may be a dideoxynucleotide 25 terminator for adenine, guanine, cytosine or thymine. The method further includes separating the nucleic acid fragments by size and determining the nucleic acid sequence. The agents are differentiated from each other by intensity of a label in the primer extension 30 products.

While it is common to use gel electrophoresis to separate DNA products of a DNA sequencing reaction, those in the art will recognize that other methods may also be used. Thus, it is possible to detect each of the different fragments using procedures such as time of flight mass spectrometry, electron microscopy, and single molecule detection methods.

The invention also features an automated DNA sequencing apparatus having a reactor including reagents 10 which provide at least two series of DNA products formed from a single primer and a DNA strand. Each DNA product of a series differs in molecular weight and has a chain terminating agent at one end. The reagents include a DNA polymerase of the present invention. The apparatus 15 includes a separating means for separating the DNA product along one axis of the separator to form a series of bands. It also includes a band reading means for determining the position and intensity of each band after separation along the axis, and a computing means 20 that determines the DNA sequence of the DNA strand solely from the position and intensity of the bands along the axis and not from the wavelength of emission of light from any label that may be present in the separating means.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiments thereof, and from the claims.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

The drawings will first briefly be described.

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Drawings

Figs 1-4 are the DNA sequences, and corresponding amino acid sequences, of FY2, FY3, and the DNA polymerases of <u>T. flavus</u> and <u>Thermus thermophilus</u>,

5 respectively. Figure 5 is the DNA sequence and corresponding amino acid sequence of FY4.

Examples

The following examples serve to illustrate the DNA polymerases of the present invention and their use in sequencing.

Preparation of FY DNA Polymerases (FY2 and FY3) Bacterial Strains

E. coli strains: MV1190 [Δ(srl - recA) 306::Tn10, Δ(lac-proAB), thi, supE, F' (traD36 proAB* lacIq lacZ
 ΔM15)]; DHλ* [gyrA96, recAl, relA1, endAl, thi-1, hsdR17, supE44, λ*]; M5248 [λ(bio275, cI857, cIII+, N+, Δ (H1))].

PCR

Reaction conditions based on the procedure of

20 Barnes (91 Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. 2216-2220, 1994) were
as follows: 20mM Tricine pH8.8, 85mM KOAc, 200mM dNTPs,
10% glycerol, 5% DMSO, 0.5mM each primer, 1.5mM MgOAc,
2.5 U HotTub (Amersham Life Science Inc.), 0.025 U
DeepVent (New England Biolabs), 1-100 ng target DNA per

25 100ml reaction. Cycling conditions were 94°C 30s, 68°C
10m40s for 8 cycles; then 94°C 30s, 68°C 12m00s for 8
cycles; then 94°C 30s, 68°C 13m20s for 8 cycles; then
94°C 30s, 68°C 14m40s for 8 cycles.

In vitro mutagenesis

Restriction enzyme digestions, plasmid preparations, and other *in vitro* manipulations of DNA were performed using standard protocols (Sambrook et

- al., Molecular Cloning 2nd Ed. Cold Spring Harbor Press, 1989). PCR (see protocol above) was used to introduce a Phe to Tyr amino acid change at codon 667 of native Taq DNA polymerase (which is codon 396 of FY2).
 - Oligonucleotide primer 1 dGCTTGGGCAGAGGATCCGCCGGG (SEQ.
- 10 ID. NO. 3) spans nucleotides 954 to 976 of the coding region of SEQ. ID. NO. 1 including a BamHI restriction site. Mutagenic oligo primer 2

 dGGGATGGCTAGCTCCTGGGAGAGGCGGTGGGCCGACATGCCGTAGA
 GGACCCCGTAGTTGATGG (SEQ. ID. NO. 4) spans nucleotides
- 15 1178 to 1241 including an NheI site and codon 396 of Sequence ID. NO. 1. A clone of exo Taq deleted for the first 235 amino acids, pWB253 encoding DeltaTaq polymerase (Barnes, 112 Gene 29-35, 1992) was used as template DNA. Any clone of Taq polymerase or genomic DNA
- from Thermus aquaticus could also be utilized to amplify the identical PCR product. The PCR product was digested with BamHI and NheI, and this fragment was ligated to BamHI/NheI digested pWB253 plasmid to replace the corresponding fragment to create pWB253Y, encoding
- polymerase FY1. Cells of *E. coli* strain MV1190 were used for transformation and induction of protein expression, although any host strain carrying a *lac* repressor could be substituted. DNA sequencing verified the Phe to Tyr change in the coding region.

PCR primer 3 dGGAATTCCATATGGACGATCTGAAGCTCTCC (SEQ. ID. NO. 5) spanning the start codon and containing restriction enzyme sites, was used with PCR primer 4 dGGGGTACCAAGCTTCACTCCTTGGCGGAGAG (SEQ. ID. NO. 6)

- containing restriction sites and spanning the stop codon (codon 562 of Sequence ID. NO. 1). A methionine start codon and restriction enzyme recognition sequences were added to PCR primer 5 dGGAATTCCATATGCTGGAGAGGCTTGAGTTT (SEQ. ID. NO. 7), which was used with primer 4 above.
- PCR was performed using the above primer pairs, and plasmid pWB253Y as template. The PCR products were digested with restriction enzymes NdeI and KpnI and ligated to NdeI/KpnI digested vector pRE2 (Reddi et al., 17 Nucleic Acids Research 10,473-10,488, 1989) to make
- plasmids pRE236Y, encoding FY1 polymerase, and pRE273Y encoding FY2 polymerase, respectively. Cells of *E. coli* strain DHA* were used for primary transformation with this and all subsequent pRE2 constructions, and strain M5248 (AcI857) was used for protein expression, although
- any comparable pair of *E. coli* strains carrying the cI and cI857 alleles could be utilized. Alternatively, any rec cI strain could be induced by chemical agents such as nalidixic acid to produce the polymerase. The sequences of both genes were verified. pRE273Y was found
- 25 to produce a single polypeptide band on SDS polyacrylamide gels, unlike pRE253Y or pRE236Y.

Primer 6 dGGAATTCCATATGCTGGAACGTCTGGAGTTTGGCAGCCTC
CTC (SEQ. ID. NO. 8) and primer 4 were used to make a
PCR product introducing silent changes in codon usage of
30 FY2. The product was digested with NdeI/BamHI and

ligated to a pRE2 construct containing the 3' end of FY2 to create pREFY2pref, encoding FY2 DNA polymerase.

Primer 7 dGGAATTCCATATGGCTCTGGAACGTCTGGAGTTTGGCAGCCTCCTC (SEQ. ID. NO. 9) and primer 4 were used to make a PCR product introducing an additional alanine codon commonly occurring at the second position of highly expressed genes. The NdeI/BamHI digested fragment was used as above to create pREFY3, encoding FY3 DNA polymerase.

Preparation of FY4 DNA Polymerase

10 Bacterial Strains

E. coli strains: DH1 λ^+ [gyrA96, recA1, relA1, endA1, thi-1, hsdR17, supE44, λ^+]; M5248 [λ (bio275, cI857, cIII+, N+, Δ (H1))].

PCR

- 15 Genomic DNA was prepared by standard techniques from Thermus thermophilus. The DNA polymerase gene of Thermus thermophilus is known to reside on a 3 kilobase AlwNI fragment. To enrich for polymerase sequences in some PCR reactions, the genomic DNA was digested prior to PCR with AlwNI, and fragments of approximately 3 kb
 - were selected by agarose gel electrophoresis to be used as template DNA. Reaction conditions were as follows: 10mM Tris pH8.3, 50mM KCl, 800μ M dNTPs, 0.001% gelatin, 1.0μ M each primer, 1.5mM MgCl₂, 2.5 U Tth, 0.025 U
- DeepVent (New England Biolabs), per 100μ l reaction. Cycling conditions were 94°C 2 min, then 35 cycles of 94°C 30s, 55°C 30s, 72°C 3 min, followed by 72 °C for 7 min.

In vitro mutagenesis

Restriction enzyme digestions, plasmid preparations, and other in vitro manipulations of DNA were performed using standard protocols (Sambrook et al., 1989). Plasmid pMR1 was constructed to encode an exonuclease-free polymerase, with optimized codons for expression in E. coli at the 5' end. Primer 8 (SEQ. ID. NO. 10) (GGAATTCCATATGCTGGAACGTCTGGAATTCGGCAGCCTC) was used with Primer 9 (SEQ. ID. NO.11)

- 10 (GGGGTACCCTAACCCTTGGCGGAAAGCCAGTC) to create a PCR product from *Tth* genomic DNA, which was digested with restriction enzymes NdeI and KpnI and inserted into plasmid pRE2 (Reddi et al., 1989, Nucleic Acids Research 17, 10473 10488) digested with the same enzymes.
- To create the desired F396Y mutation, two PCR products were made from Tth chromosomal DNA. Primer 8 above was used in combination with Primer 10 (SEQ. ID. NO. 12) (GGGATGGCTAGCTCCTGGGAGAGCCTATGGGCGACAT GCCGTAGAGGACGCCGTAGTTCACCG) to create a portion of the gene containing the F to Y amino acid change as well as
 - a silent change to create an NheI restriction site.

 Primer 11 (SEQ. ID. NO. 13) (CTAGCTAGCCATCCCCTA

 CGAAGAAGCGGTGGCCT) was used in combination with primer 9

 above to create a portion of the gene from the
- introduced NheI site to the stop codon at the 3' end of the coding sequence. The PCR product of Primers 8 and 10 was digested with NdeI and NheI, and the PCR product of Primers 9 and 11 was digested with NheI and KpnI. These were introduced into expression vector pRE2 which
- 30 was digested with NdeI and KpnI to produce plasmid pMR5.

In addition to the desired changes, pMR5 was found to have a spurious change introduced by PCR, which led to an amino acid substitution, K234R. Plasmid pMR8 was created to eliminate this substitution, by replacing the AflII/BamHI fragment of pMR5 for the corresponding fragment from pMR1. The FY4 polymerase encoded by plasmid pMR8 (SEQ. ID. NO. 14) is given in Figure 5.

Cells of E. coli strain DH1λ* were used for primary transformation, and strain M5248 (λcI857) was used for protein expression, although any comparable pair of E. coli strains carrying the cI* and cI857 alleles could be utilized. Alternatively, any rec* cI* strain could be induced by chemical agents such as nalidixic acid to produce the polymerase.

15 Protein Sequencing

Determinations of amino terminal protein sequences were performed at the W.M. Keck Foundation,
Biotechnology Resource Laboratory, New Haven,
Connecticut.

20 Purification of Polymerases

A 1 liter culture of 2X LB (2% Bacto-Tryptone, 1% Bacto-Yeast Extract, 0.5% NaCl) + 0.2% Casamino Acids + 20 mM KPO₄ pH 7.5 + 50 μg/ml Ampicillin was inoculated with a glycerol stock of the appropriate cell strain and grown at 30°C with agitation until cells were in log phase (0.7-1.0 OD₅₉₀). 9 liters of 2X LB + 0.2% Casamino Acids + 20 mM KPO₄ pH 7.5 + 0.05% Mazu Anti-foam was inoculated with 1 liter of log phase cells in 10 liter Microferm Fermentors (New Brunswick Scientific Co.).

30 Cells were grown at 30°C under 15 psi pressure, 350-450

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rpm agitation, and an air flow rate of 14,000 cc/min ±1000 cc/min. When the OD₅₉₀ reached 1.5-2.0, the cultures were induced by increasing the temperature to 40-42°C for 90-120 minutes. The cultures were then cooled to < 20°C and the cells harvested by centrifugation in a Sorvall RC-3B centrifuge at 5000 rpm at 4°C for 15-20 minutes. Harvested cells were stored at -80°C.

Frozen cells were broken into small pieces and 10 resuspended in pre-warmed (90-95°C) Lysis Buffer (20 mM Tris pH 8.5, 1 mM EDTA, 10 mM MgCl2, 16 mM (NH4)2SO4, 0.1% Tween 20, 0.1% Nonidet P-40, 1 mM PMSF). Resuspended cells were then heated rapidly to 80°C and incubated at 80°C for 20 minutes with constant stirring. 15 suspension was then rapidly cooled on ice. The cell debris was removed by centrifugation using a Sorvall GSA rotor at 10,000 rpm for 20 minutes at 4°C. The NaCl concentration of the supernatant was adjusted to 300 mM. The sample was then passed through a diethylaminoethyl 20 cellulose (Whatman DE-52) column that had been previously equilibrated with Buffer A (20 mM Tris pH 8.5, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% Tween 20, 0.1% Nonidet P-40, 300 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol, 1 mM DTT), and polymerase collected in the flow through. The sample was then diluted to a 25 concentration of NaCl of 100mM and applied to a Heparinsepharose column. The polymerase was eluted from the column with a NaCl gradient (100-500 mM NaCl). The sample was then dialyzed against Buffer B (20 mM Tris pH 8.5, 1 mM EDTA, 0.1% Tween 20, 0.1% Nonidet P-40, 10 mM 30 KCl, 10% glycerol, 1 mM DTT) and further diluted as

needed to lower the conductivity of the sample to the conductivity of Buffer B. The sample was then applied to a diethylaminoethyl (Waters DEAE 15 HR) column and eluted with a 10-500 mM KCl gradient. The polymerase was then diluted with an equal volume of Final Buffer (20 mM Tris pH 8.5, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.5% Tween 20, 0.5% Nonidet P-40, 100 mM KCl, 50% glycerol, 1 mM DTT) and dialyzed against Final Buffer.

Assay of Exonuclease Activity

10 The exonuclease assay was performed by incubating 5 ul (25-150 units) of DNA polymerase with 5 ug of labelled [3H]-pBR322 PCR fragment (1.6x104 cpm/ug DNA) in 100 ul of reaction buffer of 20 mM Tris HCl pH 8.5, 5 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM KCl, for 1 hour at 60 °C. After this time 15 interval, 200 ul of 1:1 ratio of 50 ug/ml salmon sperm DNA with 2 mM EDTA and 20% TCA with 2% sodium pyrophosphate were added into the assay aliquots. The aliquots were put on ice for 10 min and then centrifuged at 12,000g for 10 min. Acid-soluble radioactivity in 200 20 ul of the supernatant was quantitated by liquid scintillation counting. One unit of exonuclease activity was defined as the amount of enzyme that catalyzed the acid solubilization of 10 nmol of total nucleotide in 30 min at 60 °C.

25 Utility in DNA Sequencing

Example 1: DNA Sequencing with FY Polymerases (e.g., FY2 and FY3)

The following components were added to a microcentrifuge vial (0.5 ml): 0.4 pmol M13 DNA (e.g., M13mp18, 1.0 μ g); 2 μ l Reaction Buffer (260 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.5 65 mM MgCl₂); 2 μ l of labeling nucleotide

- 5 mixture (1.5 μ M each of dGTP, dCTP and dTTP); 0.5 μ l (5 μ Ci) of [a-33P]dATP (about 2000Ci/mmol); 1 μ l -40 primer (0.5 μ M; 0.5 pmol/ μ l 5'GTTTTCCCAGTCACGAC-3'); 2 μ l of a mixture containing 4 U/ μ l FY polymerase and 6.6 U/ml Thermoplasma acidophilum inorganic pyrophophatase
- 10 (32 U/μl polymerase and 53 U/ml pyrophosphatase in 20 mM Tris (pH8.5), 100 mM KCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 0.5% NP-40, 0.5% TWEEN-20 and 50% glycerol, diluted 8 fold in dilution buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl pH8.0, 1 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 0.5% TWEEN-20, 0.5% NP-40)); and water
- 15 to a total volume of 17.5 μ l. These components (the labeling reaction) were mixed and the vial was placed in a constant-temperature water bath at 45°C for 5 minutes.

Four vials were labeled A, C, G, and T, and filled with 4 μl of the corresponding termination mix: ddA

20 termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddATP); ddT termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddTTP); ddC termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddCTP); ddG termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddCTP).

The labeling reaction was divided equally among the four termination vials (4 μ l to each termination reaction vial), and tightly capped.

. The four vials were placed in a constant- \$30\$ temperature water bath at 72°C for 5 minutes. Then 4 $\mu 1$

of Stop Solution (95% Formamide 20 mM EDTA, 0.05% Bromophenol Blue, 0.05% Xylene Cyanol FF) added to each vial, and heated briefly to 70°-80°C immediately prior to loading on a sequencing gel (8% acrylamide, 8.3 M urea).

5 Autoradiograms required an 18-36 hour exposure using Kodak XAR-5 film or Amersham Hyperfilm MP. High-quality sequence results with uniform band intensities were obtained. The band intensities were much more uniform than those obtained with similar protocols using Taq DNA polymerase or ΔTaq DNA polymerase.

Example 2: DNA Cycle Sequencing with FY Polymerases

The following components were added to a microcentrifuge vial (0.5 ml) which which is suitable for insertion into a thermocycler machine (e.g., Perkin-

- Elmer DNA Thermal Cycler): 0.05 pmol or more M13 DNA (e.g., M13mp18, 0.1 μ g), or 0.1 μ g double-stranded plasmid DNA (e.g., pUC19); 2 μ l Reaction Buffer (260 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.5 65 mM MgCl₂); 1 μ l 3.0 μ M dGTP; 1 μ l 3.0 μ M dTTP; 0.5 μ l (5 μ Ci) of [α -33P] dATP (about
- 20 2000Ci/mmol); 1 μ l -40 primer (0.5 μ M; 0.5 pmol/ μ l 5'GTTTTCCCAGTCACGAC-3'); 2 μ l of a mixture containing 4 U/ μ l FY polymerase and 6.6 U/ml Thermoplasma acidophilum inorganic pyrophophatase (32 U/ μ l polymerase and 53 U/ml pyrophosphatase in 20 mM Tris (pH8.5), 100
- 25 mM KCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 0.5% NP-40, 0.5% TWEEN-20
 and 50% glycerol, diluted 8 fold in dilution buffer (10
 mM Tris-HCl pH8.0, 1 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 0.5% TWEEN20, 0.5% NP-40)); and water to a total volume of 17.5
 μ1.

These components (labeling reaction mixture) were mixed and overlaid with 10 µl light mineral oil (Amersham). The vial was placed in the thermocycler and 30-100 cycles (more than 60 cycles is unnecessary) from 45°C for 1 minute to 95°C for 0.5 minute performed. (Temperatures can be cycled from 55°-95°C, if desired). The temperatures may be adjusted if the melting temperature of the primer/template is significantly higher or lower, but these temperatures work well for most primer-templates combinations. This step can be completed in about 3 minutes per cycle.

Four vials were labeled A, C, G, and T, and filled with 4 ml of the corresponding termination mix: ddA termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddATP); ddT termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddTTP); ddC termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddCTP); ddG termination mix (150 μM each dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 1.5 μM ddGTP). No additional enzyme is added to the termination vials. The enzyme carried in from the prior (labeling) step is sufficient.

The cycled labeling reaction mixture was divided equally among the four termination vials (4 μ l to each termination reaction vial), and overlaid with 10 μ l of light mineral oil.

The four vials were placed in the thermocycler and 30-200 cycles (more than 60 cycles is unnecessary) performed from 95°C for 15 seconds, 55°C for 30 seconds, and 72°C for 120 seconds. This step was conveniently

completed overnight. Other times and temperatures are also effective.

Six μl of reaction mixture was removed (avoiding oil), 3 μl of Stop Solution (95% Formamide 20 mM EDTA, 0.05% Bromophenol Blue, 0.05% Xylene Cyanol FF) added, and heated briefly to 70°-80°C immediately prior to loading on a sequencing gel. Autoradiograms required an 18-36 hour exposure using Kodak XAR-5 film or Amersham Hyperfilm MP. High-quality sequence results with uniform band intensities were obtained. The band intensities were much more uniform than those obtained with similar protocols using Taq DNA polymerase or ΔTaq DNA polymerase.

Example 3: Sequencing with dGTP analogs to eliminate compression artifacts.

For either of the sequencing methods outlined in examples 1 and 2, 7-Deaza-2'deoxy-GTP can be substituted for dGTP in the labeling and termination mixtures at exactly the same concentration as dGTP. When this substitution is made, secondary structures on the gels are greatly reduced. Similarly, 2'-deoxyinosinetriphosphate can also be substituted for dGTP but its concentration must be 10-fold higher than the corresponding concentration of dGTP. Substitution of dITP for dGTP is even more effective in eliminating compression artifacts than 7-deaza-dGTP.

Example 4: Other Sequencing methods using FY polymerases

FY polymerases have been adapted for use with many other sequencing methods, including the use of

5 fluorescent primers and fluorescent-dideoxy-terminators for sequencing with the ABI 373A DNA sequencing instrument.

Example 5: SDS-Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis

Protein samples were run on a 14 X 16 mm 7.5 or 10% 10 polyacrylamide gel. (Gels were predominantly 10% Polyacrylamide using a 14 X 16 mm Hoefer apparatus. Other sizes, apparatuses, and percentage gels are acceptable. Similar results can also be obtained using the Pharmacia Phast Gel system with SDS, 8-25% gradient 15 gels. Reagent grade and ultrapure grade reagents were used.) The stacking gel consisted of 4% acrylamide (30:0.8, acrylamide: bisacrylamide), 125 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 0.1% Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate (SDS). The resolving gel consisted of 7.5 or 10% acrylamide (30:0.8, 20 acrylamide: bisacrylamide), 375 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.8, 0.1% SDS. Running Buffer consisted of 25 mM Tris, 192 mM Glycine and 0.1% SDS. 1X Sample Buffer consisted of 25 mM Tris-HCl pH 6.8, 0.25% SDS, 10% Glycerol, 0.1M Dithiothreitol, 0.1% Bromophenol Blue, and 1mM EDTA. A 25 1/4 volume of 5X Sample Buffer was added to each sample. Samples were heated in sample buffer to 90-100°C for approximately 5 minutes prior to loading. A 1.5 mm thick gel was run at 50-100 mA constant current for 1-3 hours (until bromophenol blue was close to the bottom of

the gel). The gel was stained with 0.025% Coomassie
Blue R250 in 50% methanol, 10% acetic acid and destained
in 5% methanol, 7% acetic acid solution. A record of
the gel was made by taking a photograph of the gel, by
drying the gel between cellulose film sheets, or by
drying the gel onto filter paper under a vacuum.

Other embodiments are within the following claims.

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Claims

- An enzymatically active DNA polymerase having between 540 and 582 amino acids having a tyrosine at a position equivalent to position 667 of Taq DNA
 polymerase, wherein said polymerase lacks 5' to 3' exonuclease activity, and wherein said polymerase has at least 95% homology in its amino acid sequence to the DNA polymerase of Thermus aquaticus, Thermus flavus or Thermus thermophilus, and wherein said polymerase forms
 a single polypeptide band or an SDS polyacrylamide gel.
 - 2. The polymerase of claim 1 wherein the amino acid sequence of said polymerase includes less than 3 conservative amino acid changes compared to one said DNA polymerase of said named <u>Thermus</u> species.
- 3. The polymerase of claim 1 wherein the amino acid sequence of said polymerase includes less than 3 additional amino acids compared to one said DNA polymerase of said named <u>Thermus</u> species at its N-terminus.
- 4. The polymerase of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of FY2, FY3 and FY4.
 - 5. Purified nucleic acid encoding the DNA polymerase of any of claims 1-4.

- 6. Method for sequencing DNA comprising the step of generating chain terminated fragments from the DNA template to be sequenced with a DNA polymerase of any of claims 1-4 in the presence of at least one chain terminating agent and one or more nucleotide triphosphates, and determining the sequence of said DNA from the sizes of said fragments.
 - 7. Kit for sequencing DNA comprising a DNA polymerase of any of claims 1-4 and a pyrophosphatase.
- 10 8. The kit of claim 7 wherein said pyrophosphatase is thermostable.

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9. Apparatus for DNA sequencing having a reactor comprising a DNA polymerase of any of claims 1-4 and a band separator.

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